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Case 6563

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of
Gary Dean LaVon
Gerald Alfred Young
Theodora Beck
Serial No. 08/828,005
Filed: March 27, 1997

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Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING REMOVABLE COMPONENTS

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a Supplemental Amendment in response to the Office Communication dated April 8, 1999, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the correction of informalities and withdraw the holding of non-responsiveness.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claim as follows:

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11. (Twice Amended) An absorbent article, the absorbent article having a removable [and/or replaceable] absorbent core component[s without having to remove the absorbent article from the wearer], a first waist region, a second waist region, and a crotch region positioned between [said] the first waist region and [said] the second waist region, the absorbent article further comprising:
- 5 a backsheet joined to a fluid pervious topsheet, the backsheet comprising a web; and
- an absorbent core disposed between the topsheet and the backsheet, [said] the absorbent core comprising a first absorbent core component disposed in [said] at least the crotch region [and] and at least one removable second absorbent core component removably disposed in
- 10 the first waist region and in fluid communication with [said] the first absorbent core component [in said first waist region; and],
- [a backsheet joined to said absorbent core, said backsheet comprising a web and] wherein the backsheet further comprises first access means for providing access to [said] the removable second absorbent core component through [said] the backsheet so that [said] the removable